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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)
Gary Eugene Wheat)
Ser. No. 09/670,189)
Filed: Sept. 26, 2000)
For: METHOD FOR VAPOR PHASE ALUMINIDING)
INCLUDING A MODIFYING ELEMENT)

GAU: 1762

Examiner:

Cleveland

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Enter the following claims to replace the previously submitted claims of the same respective number:

1. (Amended) A method for coating an article, comprising the steps of:
providing the article having a surface;
preparing a coating source comprising:
a solid aluminum halide,

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